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Statement from Mayor Bob Wasserman RE:
Legislature's Illegal Budget and Loss of Redevelopment Threatens City of Fremont

"I am extremely disappointed that California legislators last week passed an illegal State budget that essentially steals redevelopment funds in direct violation of the passing of Proposition 22 in November by California voters. This puts at risk the majority of Fremont's future projects, most notably the Irvington BART Station as well as Fremont Boulevard improvements and streetscape enhancements, the Grimmer Boulevard greenbelt and creek restoration, quiet zone safety improvements to railroad crossings in various locations, and pedestrian sidewalk streetscape and sidewalk improvements in the historic districts.

This budget eliminates local government's best economic development tool at the precise moment when local governments can least afford to lose it and squanders more resources than it provides. By taking away a mechanism that creates valuable jobs and increases tax revenues—something Fremont desperately needs—the State Legislature has not listened to its constituents. Gov. Jerry Brown has the ability to do the right thing and veto AB 1X26 and AB 1X27. This action would help put California back on the road to economic recovery."

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